

I DON'T MIND,
IN ANY CASE
I'D HAVE TO
GO OUT
THERE AND
OVERCOME
HER.

YOUR HIGHNESS,
I'D LIKE TO TAKE
BACK MY PETTY
WORDS FROM
EARLIER ABOUT
SIMPLY
RESISTING.

CAVALRY AND
SOLDIERS ARE
TO FLANK AND
ATTACK THE
IMPERIAL
TROOPS
HEADED TO
ENCAMPMENT
0701

PREPARE
THE
HIGHLY
MOBILE
AUTOMATA
UNIT AS
WELL!

WHAT IS
IT?

IN THAT
CASE-

PLEASE
WAIT A
MOMENT!

CAVALRY
IS TO
REMAIN
ON
STANDBY!

I BELIEVE THAT HIS
HIGHNESS SHOULD
KILL THOSE OF MY
BRETHREN THAT
ARE FIGHTING FOR
THE EMPIRE.

MECHANIZED INFANTRY, STAFF OFFICER

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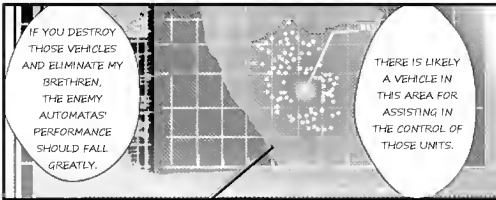


I BELIEVE THAT
MY BRETHREN
ARE ASSISTING
THE AUTOMATA
UNITS' ACTIONS.

AFTER
ANALYZING
THE
MOVEMENT
OF THE
ENEMY
AUTOMATA,

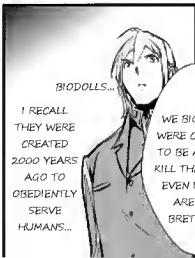


WHY IS
THAT?



IF YOU DESTROY
THOSE VEHICLES
AND ELIMINATE MY
BRETHREN,
THE ENEMY
AUTOMATA'S
PERFORMANCE
SHOULD FALL
GREATLY.

THERE IS LIKELY
A VEHICLE IN
THIS AREA FOR
ASSISTING IN
THE CONTROL OF
THOSE UNITS.



BIODOLLS...

I RECALL
THEY WERE
CREATED
2000 YEARS
AGO TO
OBEDIENTLY
SERVE
HUMANS...



IT'S FINE,

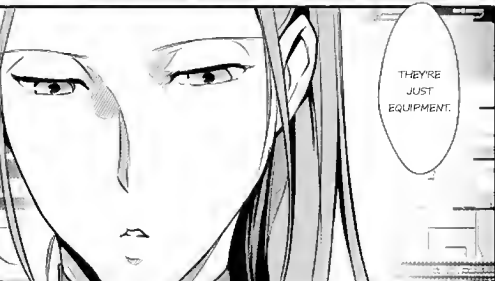
WE BIODOLLS
WERE CREATED
TO BE ABLE TO
KILL THE ENEMY
EVEN IF THEY
ARE OUR
BRETHREN.

ARE YOU
FINE WITH THAT?
ENEMIES OR NOT,
THEY'RE YOUR
BRETHREN,
NO ONE WOULD
HOLD IT AGAINST
YOU TO DESIRE
OTHERWISE.

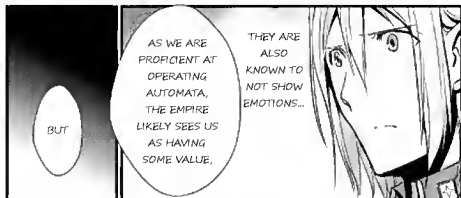


THE EMPIRE
DOESNT
THINK OF
THEM AS
SOLDIERS,

AND



THEY'RE
JUST
EQUIPMENT.



BUT

AS WE ARE
PROFICIENT AT
OPERATING
AUTOMATA,
THE EMPIRE
LIKELY SEES US
AS HAVING
SOME VALUE,

THEY ARE
ALSO
KNOWN TO
NOT SHOW
EMOTIONS...



THIS IS THE
REALITY OF
WHAT IT'S
LIKE THERE.



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HAVING
LOST MY VALUE
AS A BIODOLL,
ALL I WAS LEFT
WITH WAS THE
CONSTANT
REGRET THAT I
HAD BEEN BORN
A WOMAN...

IN ONE
BATTLE I
SUFFERED AN
INJURY THAT
LEFT ME
WITH NERVE
DAMAGE,



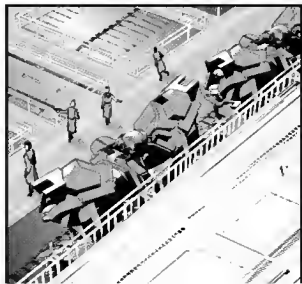
IN THE
PAST I
SERVED
IN THE
EMPIRE'S
ARMY.

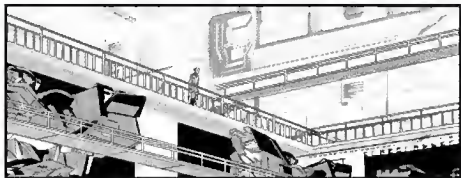
BECAUSE I
WAS JUST A
BURDEN TO
THEM.

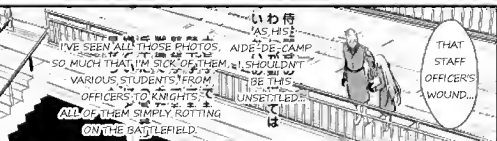
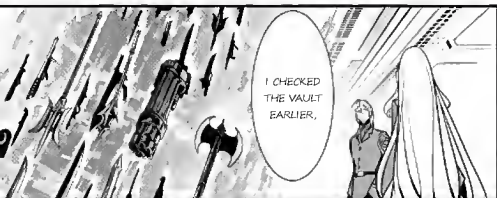
IN THE END,
THE
RETREATING
IMPERIAL
ARMY
THREW ME
ASIDE

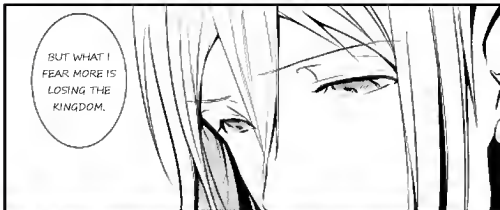
THERE
ARE THOSE
IN THIS
WORLD
WHO SEE
DEATH AS
SALVATION.

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS,









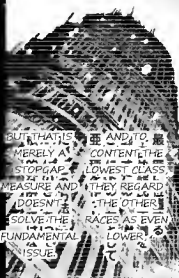


THE EMPIRE ISN'T
RUN BY FOOLS,
THEY REALIZE THAT
WAR AND VICTORY
ARE NECESSARY TO
MAINTAIN THEIR
COUNTRY.



THEY LAUD
HUMANS AS
SUPERIOR
AND THEN
DIVIDE
THEMSELVES
INTO
CLASSES

THAT IS
EXACTLY
HOW THEY
HAVE
MAINTAINED
THEIR
COUNTRY.



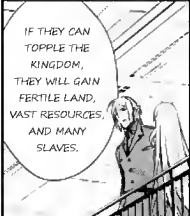
BUT THAT IS
MERELY A
STOPGAP
MEASURE AND
DOESN'T
SOLVE THE
FUNDAMENTAL
ISSUE.

AND TO
CONTENT THE
LOWEST CLASS
THEY REGARD
THE OTHER
RACES AS EVEN
LOWER.



JUST
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN IF I
FALL HERE?

IN THE NEAR
FUTURE WE'LL
NEED TO
SETTLE THIS
MATTER.



IF THEY CAN
TOPPLE THE
KINGDOM,
THEY WILL GAIN
FERTILE LAND,
VAST RESOURCES,
AND MANY
SLAVES.



EVERYONE ELSE
WILL HAVE TO
ESCAPE THE
COUNTRY,
LIVE IN SECLUSION,
OR CONTINUE
RESISTING.



THE KINGDOM'S
POPULATION IS
ABOUT 50
MILLION,
OF THOSE ONLY
10% ARE PURE
HUMANS.

SHOULD THE
EMPIRE RULE OVER
THE KINGDOM,
AT BEST ONLY
5 MILLION WILL
BE REGARDED AS
PEOPLE.

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REGARDLESS
OF THEIR
CHOICE, THEIR
CURRENT
PEACEFUL
LIVES WILL BE
GONE.

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WHICH
MEANS
CERTAIN
DEATH FOR
LILCA AND
ARIA.



CONTINUING
THEIR
INVASION,
THE EMPIRE
WILL TAKE
THE CAPITAL

落する



LECT,





AND, OF
COURSE,
MY GENTLE
FIANCEE
WILL ALSO
PERISH.

WHAT'S
WRONG?
YOU LOOK
UNWELL.



後、彼
WITH VILIA
CHOOSING
TO FOLLOW
HER
AFTERWARDS.
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IT'S
NOTHING.

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.



I'D LIKE TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR MY
ACTIONS
EARLIER.

WHAT
IS IT?



I SEE,
THANK YOU.

IF YOUR
HIGHNESS
WISHES TO
CONSENT
TO SUCH A
THING.

COULD WE
PERHAPS
CALL IT
EVEN THEN?

YOUR
ACTIONS?
IN THAT CASE,
I TOO HAVE
BEHAVED IN A
MANNER I
SHOULD
APOLOGIZE
FOR.



THIS HERE
IS A TYPE
99 IN
ASSAULT
EQUIPMENT,

AND
LOADED
ON THAT
TRANSPORT IS
A LIGHTLY
ARMORED
TYPE 01.

THAT IS
THE MAIN FORCE
OF MY ARMY,
THE TYPE 99 KAI,
A HIGHLY MOBILE
AUTOMATA.



I MEAN THE
ENTIRE PLAN,
INCLUDING
THAT PART.

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF THE PLAN
FOR THIS
BATTLE?

IS THAT IN
REGARDS TO
YOUR HIGHNESS'
ROLE IN THE
BATTLE?



THAT WILL
ALLOW
MINIMIZING
THE INJURIES
INFLECTED ON
OUR OWN
SOLDIERS.

I SUGGEST
FOLLOWING THE
PLAN AS WAS
DETAILED,
WITH PRIORITY
ON ELIMINATING
MY BRETHREN IN
THOSE VEHICLES,



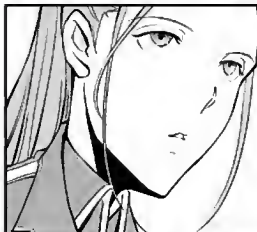
THERE IS.



SO IS
THERE
ONE?



I'VE
ALREADY
HEARD ABOUT
THAT,
BUT ISN'T THERE
A METHOD THAT
DOESN'T INVOLVE
KILLING YOUR
BRETHREN?



THERE IS THE
IMPERIUM(HIGH-
ORDER DECREE),
YOUR HIGHNESS.



WE POSSESS AN
INSTINCT TO
OBEY THE
IMPERIUM.



THE
IMPERIUM?



THEREFORE
WE WERE
MADE TO BE
ABSOLUTELY
OBEDIENT,

WHICH IS
WHY DESPITE
THE EMPIRE'S
OPPRESSION,
MY BRETHREN
CONTINUE TO
OBEY THEM.



PRIOR TO OUR
CREATION,
THE OLD EMPIRE
HAD EXPERIENCED
SEVERAL REVOLTS
FROM VARIOUS
DOLLS,



BUT IF YOU
KNEW OR
WERE
TAUGHT
HOW TO
USE IT...

IT HASN'T
BEEN USED
IN THE LAST
2000 YEARS,



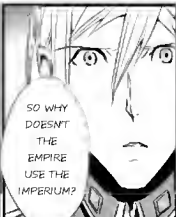
BUT OF
ALL ORDERS,
THE IMPERIUM IS
THE ONE WITH THE
GREATEST
INFLUENCE
OVER US.



THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN USE
THE IMPERIUM



IT ISN'T
THAT THEY
"DON'T",
BUT THAT
THEY
"CAN'T",



SO WHY
DOESN'T
THE
EMPIRE
USE THE
IMPERIUM?



IS THE
HOLDER OF
THE OLD
EMPIRE'S
ULTIMATE
WEAPON,
THE KING'S
SWORD.



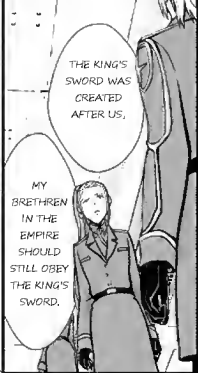
I FIND IT
HARD TO
BELIEVE THAT
THE PREVIOUS
ORDERS
WOULD BE
LEFT LIKE
THAT.

BUT DIDN'T
THE KING'S
SWORD COME
INTO THE
POSSESSION
OF THE OLD
EMPIRE'S
ENEMY?

CAN IT
REALLY BE
THIS
CONVENIENT?

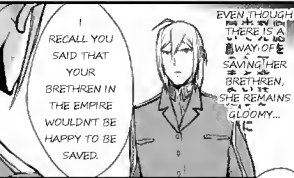


STAFF
OFFICER...



THE KING'S
SWORD WAS
CREATED
AFTER US,

MY
BRETHREN
IN THE
EMPIRE
SHOULD
STILL OBEY
THE KING'S
SWORD.



I
RECALL YOU
SAID THAT
YOUR
BRETHREN IN
THE EMPIRE
WOULDN'T BE
HAPPY TO BE
SAVED.

EVEN THOUGH
THERE IS A
WAY OF
SAVING HER
BRETHREN,
SHE REMAINS
GLOOMY...

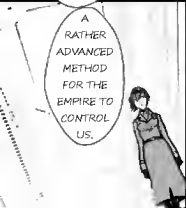


BUT MOST
SAID THAT THEY
DON'T HAVE
PERMISSION TO
SURRENDER,
AND THEN
CEASED TO
LIVE.



DURING THIS
WAR WE HAVE
CAPTURED
SEVERAL OF
MY BRETHREN,

YES,



A
RATHER
ADVANCED
METHOD
FOR THE
EMPIRE TO
CONTROL
US.



THE EMPIRE
GATHERS OUR
CHILDREN AND
DEPRIVES THEM OF
THEIR SELF-
CONSCIOUSNESS WITH
DRUGS AND MAGIC
STARTING IN
INFANCY,



AT THAT
HIGH
LEVEL,
THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN
DO.



WE CAN
TREAT
SOME
MINOR
MIND
CONTROL
WITH
MAGIC,
BUT



BUT



AS LONG AS
THERE'S A
CHANCE OF
IT,
THAT'S ALL
I NEED.

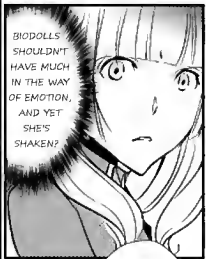


IT'S NOT
LIKE WE
CAN'T
SAVE
THEM.

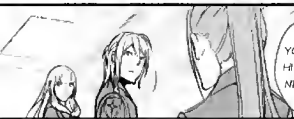




MY BRETHREN
ARE MOST LIKELY
BEING HELD IN A
VEHICLE NEAR THE
CENTER OF THE
AUTOMATA UNITS
FOR THE SAKE OF
OBSERVATION.



BIODOLLS
SHOULDN'T
HAVE MUCH
IN THE WAY
OF EMOTION,
AND YET
SHE'S
SHAKEN?



YOUR
HIGH-
NESS,

IF YOU USE THE
IMPERIUM ON THE
HIGHEST RANKED
OF MY BRETHREN,
THE REST SHOULD
OBEY THEM.



PLEASE SAVE
MY BRETHREN.



ARTILLERY
BATTERIES
103 AND
077 ARE IN
POSITION
AND
STANDING
BY.

ARMORED
INFANTRY
BATTALIONS
5409 AND
5420 HAVE
ASSEMBLED.

DRAGON
ARTILLE-
RY
SQUAD
558 IS
DEPLOY-
ING.

BOTH
UNITS ARE
AWAITING
FURTHER
ORDERS.

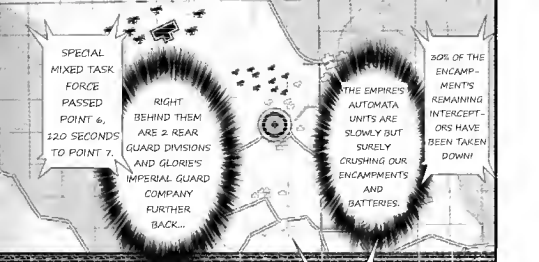
ENCAMP-
MENT
070'S
FINAL
PATROL
LINE HAS
BEEN
BROKEN!

AUTOMATED
PATROL
SPOTTED
IMPERIAL
AUTOMATA
PASSING
THROUGH
POINT 448!

THE
ENCAMP-
MENT'S
FINAL
INTERCEP-
TION
BLOCKS
ARE BEING
INVADED!



IS
RETREAT
THE ONLY
OPTION
LEFT FOR
ENCAMP-
MENT 070?



SPECIAL
MIXED TASK
FORCE
PASSED
POINT 6,
120 SECONDS
TO POINT 7.

RIGHT
BEHIND THEM
ARE 2 REAR
GUARD DIVISIONS
AND GLORIE'S
IMPERIAL GUARD
COMPANY
FURTHER
BACK...

THE EMPIRE'S
AUTOMATA
UNITS ARE
SLOWLY BUT
SURELY
CRUSHING OUR
ENCAMPMENTS
AND
BATTERIES.

30% OF THE
ENCAMP-
MENTS
REMAINING
INTERCEPT-
ORS HAVE
BEEN TAKEN
DOWN!



HE,
MADAM MERIELA,
AND WARRANT
OFFICER HARBELUN
ARE STANDING BY
ON THE ROOFTOP.

OKAY.

CAVALRY AND
MECHANIZED
MIXED FORCE
MOVING TO
FLANK IMPERIAL
AUTOMATA
UNIT.

WHERE
IS HIS
HIGH-
NESS?

ABOUT
30
MINUTES
TO
CONTACT.



ALRIGHT,
I GUESS WE'LL
HAVE TO SEE
THE OPPORTUNE
MOMENT
OURSELVES.

WE HAVE
BEEN
ENTRUSTED
WITH
CHOOSING
WHEN TO
DEPART!



SHOULD HE BE
VIEWED AS BEING
BLESSED IN HIS ROLE,
OR AS BEING
BURDENED BY HIS
DEEDS?

A
COMMANDER
WIELDING
THE KING'S
SWORD,



THIS MAY
BE
PRESUMP-
TUOUS OF
ME,



IS THAT
WHAT
YOU
THINK,
CAPTAIN?

AN
EXCEL-
LENT
ANSWER.

THE
DETOURING
MECHANIZED
FORCE WILL
BREAK INTO
THE CASTLE
IN 10
MINUTES!



BUT I
BELIEVE
THAT ALL
DEPENDS ON
WHAT ROAD
HIS HIGHNESS
CHOOSSES TO
GO DOWN.



INFORM HIS
HIGHNESS!

THERE'S MOVEMENT
IN THE ENEMY'S REAR,
A BRIGADE HAS BROKEN
OFF!
BASED ON THEIR
MOVEMENT,
THEY SEEM TO BE
COMPRISED OF
AUTOMATA AND
ARMORED UNITS!

THE ENEMY HAS
NOTICED THE
MECHANIZED
FORCE!
A PORTION OF THE
ENEMY AUTOMATA
UNIT HAS BROKEN
OFF AND IS
HEADED TOWARDS
THEM!

